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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Natomas – 60 Pot Plants Seized in Raid of Natomas Home; Meth, Cocaine, Heroin Also Found

(U) An illegal marijuana grow house was raided in the Natomas area, but officers discovered more than just pot inside. Sacramento police say officers served a search warrant at the 3600 block of Rydners Way home on Monday morning. About 60 marijuana plants were discovered inside – but so were 13 pounds of methamphetamine, one pound of cocaine, and one pound of heroin, police say. A gun was also seized. A 19-year-old man was arrested in connection to the operation. His name has not been released. SOURCE: 3 November 2021, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Former Colombia Drug Kingpin Pleads Guilty to Trafficking, Terrorist Support

(U) Brooklyn – A man once considered Colombia's most wanted drug lord pleaded guilty yesterday to US charges of narcotics distribution and supporting a terrorist group as part of a billion-dollar cocaine empire. US authorities said Daniel Rendon Herrera, 56, accepted responsibility for trafficking at least 73,645 kilograms (81 tons) of cocaine that spread addiction and death in his home country and the United States. Prosecutors said the defendant was also leader of a group known as the Urabenos along with Dairo Antonio Usuga, an alleged Colombian drug kingpin known as Otoniel who was captured last month in what officials in Colombia called a blow to trafficking. Herrera, known as Don Mario, entered his plea before US District Judge Dora Irizarry in Brooklyn. He was charged in the United States with shipping cocaine to the US and buying weapons for paramilitary fighters he commanded. SOURCE: 3 November 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) West Virginia – Man Appears in Federal Court in Case of Explosive Devices Found on Barges

(U) Charleston – A federal case against a man accused of placing explosive devices on barges on the Ohio River is moving ahead after a judge yesterday found probable cause. Nathaniel Blayn Becker, 42, of Marietta, Ohio, faces charges of possession of an unregistered firearm or explosive device. He appeared in court during his preliminary hearing. A member of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives testified about the incidents, which happened last month on the Ohio River along Wood and Pleasants counties in West Virginia. The US attorney said the evidence fitted the federal definition of an explosive device, including the presence of ammonium nitrate. Judge Dwane Tinsley ruled that Becker should remain in the custody of US Marshals due to past mental health issues and being on court supervision in Ohio.

SOURCE: 3 November 2021, [WSAZ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – German Charged with Membership in Foreign Terror Groups

(U) Berlin – Federal prosecutors have charged a German woman with membership in two foreign terrorist groups, violating weapons law and committing her son as a fighter to a foreign terrorist group. German federal prosecutors said yesterday that Stefanie A., whose last name was withheld in line with

privacy rules, left Germany in 2016 with her son, who was 13 at the time, in order to live with her husband in Syrian territory that was then under the control of the Islamic State group. She first joined the terrorist organization Jund al-Aqsa and later ISIS. She is accused of willingly making her son available to the Jund al-Aqsa and to ISIS as a fighter. Shortly after her arrival in Raqqa in Syria in 2017, the defendant joined ISIS, initially living with her husband in Raqqa and managing his household. The couple, who were financially provided for by ISIS, made their son available to the group.

SOURCE: 3 November 2021, [AP](#)

(U) Nigeria – Gunman Kidnap Six from University

(U) Abuja – Gunmen kidnapped four staffers and two of their children from the University of Abuja yesterday, the university said, staging the first high-profile attack on a campus in Nigeria’s capital as the nation confronts a wave of mass abductions. Criminal gangs normally strike schools across the north of Africa’s most populous country, a phenomenon that has driven a generation of school dropouts. More than 600 schools in the region have closed this year — temporarily or indefinitely — because of a mix of pandemic restrictions and organized crime, researchers say. An estimated 3 million students have stopped attending school.

SOURCE: 3 November 2021, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Turkey – Authorities Arrest 17 ISIS Members

(U) Kayseri – Turkish security forces arrested at least 17 Daesh suspects in central Turkey, security sources said on Tuesday. Police in Kayseri province launched an operation against operatives within the terrorist organization in Syria and Iraq, said the source on condition of anonymity. The suspects were arrested in a simultaneous operation and digital evidence was seized during the operation, it added. In 2013, Turkey became one of the first countries to declare Daesh a terrorist organization. The country has since been attacked by the terrorist group multiple times, with over 300 people killed and hundreds more injured in at least 10 suicide bombings, seven bomb attacks, and four armed assaults.

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